

Our Altar Flowers this morning are given

*In loving memory of Barbara Schroer
and In honor of all mothers*

by Jim and Cheri Oechsle and family



May 21, 2023

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
113 W CENTRAL AVE., VAN WERT, OH



Breakfast for graduates & their families
during the Sunday School hour.

MAY 10 - 17
will be set up in
Krout Memorial
over Sunday, May 14

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search
45891
and begin shopping!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

SHOPPING HOURS:
8:30am - Noon Monday - Thursday
5:30pm - 7:00pm Thursday, May 11th

Card boxes will be available on
May 21st for our 4 graduates!

- Carly Bebout
- Hunter Burton
- Ryleigh Hanicq
- Damon McCracken

*Please bring in cards
for our young adults!*

2023

Have a
college graduate?

Please send us their:

- School
- Major
- Date graduating
- Also a photo!

Forward your
college student's information to
Jody ASAP to update our database!
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

Contact us with any changes
so we can update your records!
EMAIL US AT: firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

SEE JODY
FOR UPDATES TO:

- ADDRESSES
- PHONE NUMBERS
- MARITAL STATUS
- BIRTHS, ETC.

June 4 - 9:30am

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Who We Are

May 14, 2023 8:15 am
Repaying Evil with Goodness and Hope
Pastor Chris Farmer

Our Vision Statement:
Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus
Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

8:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14, 2023

“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing..” I Peter 3:8-9

**indicates please stand if you are able
Please fill out the Attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

The Gathering:

Welcome and *Praise Songs: Cheri Oechsle & Praise Band
*Heart of Worship
Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession:

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you celebrating Mother’s Day. We thank you for all mothers who have freely given themselves to us. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts that form us into maturity. God, you are also aware of every detail in our lives. You know every single person who is without a mother, either by choice or some other misfortune. Today, we ask that you bring comfort to those individuals, those who may have had a mother and lost her, and those who never had someone to call “mother.” We are affected by every parental relationship that we do and don’t have. Yet God, we know that in spite of the hurt we may feel, you love us.

We also pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing upon their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, we ask that you help every word and action to be done in love. We ask that children throughout the world take time to honor their mother in unique and tangible ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Chat with the Children: Julie Burenga
Children released to AWE

Church Life I: Dave Thompson

PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

“Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthy in body and mind before, during and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work.”

Offering: Dave Thompson
***Offertory:** *Seek Ye First* Cheri Oechsle & Praise Band
***Prayer:** Dave Thompson

***Scripture:** I Peter 3:8-12 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: **Who We Are**
Sermon: *“Repaying Evil with Goodness and Hope”* Pastor Chris Farmer

Song: *I Love You Lord* Cheri Oechsle & Praise Band

Prayer: Pastor Chris Farmer

Church Life II: Pastor Chris Farmer

Song: *The Lord’s Prayer* Cheri Oechsle & Praise Band

***Benediction:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Leaders in Worship

Lead Pastor: Pastor Chris Farmer **Praise and Worship Leader:** Cheri Oechsle
Worship Assistant: Dave Thompson **Sound:** Kent Smelser
Projectionist: Jill Smelser **Videographer:** Noah Carter
Graphics: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn **Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Dave Lichtle

KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

Nursery Ministry (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

8:15 AWE - AWE is an exciting time of helping kids experience God through weekly Bible points, fun activities, and engaging worship. This class includes preparing a worship presentation during service.